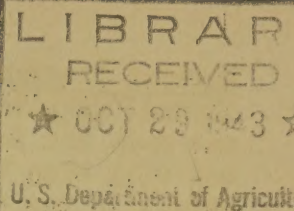


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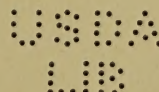
Family Saving and Spending in Wartime. A copy of this bulletin prepared by the National Committee on Management Problems of Families in Wartime was sent you on September 16, 1943. A supply, one for each home demonstration club, has been mailed to the State home demonstration leader in your State. If they have not reached you, make inquiries concerning them. How will you use this circular? Here are a few ideas: (1) Use it at home demonstration agents' training meetings. Have agents fill out the blanks. (2) Use it at project leaders' training meetings. Have leaders fill out the blanks. (3) Suggest that individual club members order from the Superintendent of Documents, Washington 25, D. C., price 5 cents, or obtain a supply for general distribution. (4) If you have a club librarian, ask her to review the bulletin at club meeting. (5) Use the subject-matter information in radio talks and newspaper articles. (6) Distribute copies to home-management 4-H Club leaders.

Rooms for War Guests. Maud Wilson, School of Economics, Corvallis, Ore. Price 40 cents. The circular is an excellent one and is well illustrated, showing good arrangements for war guests. Miss Wilson, who was in Washington after the Purdue conference, asked me to tell you that she is appreciative of the contribution you made to this bulletin (which you may not have known you were making). She says she selected freely from extension publications and other materials adapted to the subject. It was not practicable to give credit to individual States, because ideas were taken from many different publications and it was often impossible to tell which was the original source.

Household Equipment, the Care and Simple Repair. The home-management specialists in Tennessee have furnished me with enough copies of the new circular "Household Equipment, the Care and Simple Repair," Publication 273, to enclose a copy for your files. Note that the agricultural engineers from Tennessee Valley Authority assisted in the compilation of this bulletin. Tennessee also made this bulletin available to other States and some of the State extension services have purchased copies and had their own cooperative statement printed on the cover page.

CCD Plan. When I was in California this summer I learned of the commodity check deduction plan that is being used in several of the western States. Mrs. William Bayless, Women's Section, War Savings staff, sent me a hundred copies of this circular for distribution. It was mailed to you under date of September 16, 1943. The essence of the plan is the same as investing 10 percent of one's salary in war bonds. Farm families' first reaction to it may be that it is not possible to set aside definite amounts of income from crops, milk checks, and the like, but on second thought they may work out a way of using this plan which will help them to save regularly.

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Wartime Program for Farmers. Along this same line is the new circular, enclosed, prepared by the U. S. Treasury Department. We hope these circulars will not only aid farm families in making systematic investments in the war effort but will also help them with their 1944 farm and home financial plans. Also, thanks to Sam Coleman, in charge of information, Agricultural Section, U. S. Treasury. I am enclosing the spread, "Farm Business Bonds." It is the center of attraction on my poster-screen rack this month.

Bureau of Human Nutrition and Home Economics. The Bureau reports that plenty of charts on Make Your Equipment Last are available through the Government Printing Office, price 50 cents. Since 5,000 sets were printed, there is an ample supply, so that you can urge every home demonstration agent to have this excellent set of teaching charts in her demonstration kit. In addition, you might suggest that county librarians purchase a set and display it during the campaign on Conserving Our Resources, in December 1943 and January 1944.

Other chart sets available through the Government Printing Office are Repair Your Electric Cords, price 30 cents, and Home Canning, price 50 cents.

Have you seen the new U. S. D. A. sewing-machine bulletin, FB-1944? It is available in quantities free of charge. It, too, will be useful this winter in the campaign on conserving our resources.

A circular entitled "Take Care of Pressure Cookers", AWI-65, is just off the press. "Use of Soya Products" is another circular in press, available about November 1. The enlarged and improved edition of Farmers' Bulletin 1925, ABC's of Mending, has just reached me.

J. M. T. Ideas. If you are interested in job methods training ideas, you will find a good article in the Wilson Library Bulletin, September 1943, page 34, on Job Methods Training in Libraries, by Frances Gates.

Goals for America, by Stuart Chase. This book is forward-looking, giving information on post-war planning, including food, clothing, and housing. Stuart Chase contends that there is no need for depressions. Some data quoted: One half of farmers receive only 12 percent of farm income. Public Health Service estimates a family should spend \$60 a year on health, but 4 million farm families could not. Of Americans 25 years old, 60 percent have never gone beyond grade school.

The Crisis of Our Age, by P. A. Sorokin. An interesting diagnosis of the crisis of our age, based on charts going back to 560 B. C.